

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION HCR1074:

Blackwell of the House

and

Laughlin of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution praising the life and career of Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James; extending heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family of Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James; making a permanent record in the Journals of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it has been poignantly stated over the years that "Good men must die, but death cannot kill their names."; and

WHEREAS, the name of Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James, who lost his life on January 27, 2004, in an attack near Iskandariyah, Iraq, courageously defending his nation and state, will always be remembered with pride and will never be forgotten by his loving family, friends, and comrades in arms; and

WHEREAS, Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James, a 24-year-old native of Hooker, Oklahoma, and graduate of Oklahoma State University, always dreamed of serving in the United States Army and was, as told by family members, totally committed to protecting the freedoms for all the citizens of this great nation and state; and

WHEREAS, determined to fulfill his military dream, Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James ultimately became an infantry platoon leader in the 2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, which led him to his military duty and subsequent death in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2004, at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James was laid to rest, commemorated by an army full honor funeral; and

WHEREAS, the honorable Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James, recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, left behind a beloved wife, Molly, and six-month-old son, Bradley Heath, devoted mother and father, Arleen and Bradley James, loving sister and brother, Karla and Kirby, and scores of friends, relatives and comrades in arms; and

WHEREAS, all who knew Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James mourn his tragic death and will always remember the name of the man who heroically and courageously gave his life while serving his country and state; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to remember the name of Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James, who gave his life to protect the precious freedoms held so dear by all Americans and Oklahomans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature on behalf of the people of the State of Oklahoma praises the life and career of Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the entire family of the brave and heroic Army 2nd Lieutenant Luke S. James.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Journal of the State Senate as a permanent record of praises and condolences expressed herein.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to his wife, Molly and baby son, Bradley Heath; mother and father, Arleen and Bradley

James; sister, Karla; brother, Kirby; and Commander of the 2nd  
Battalion, 505th Infantry Division.

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